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I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

IMAGE PICKUP DEVICE, CAMERA MODULE AND CAMERA SYSTEM

Case No. 09792909-4750, the specification of which

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is attached hereto

was filed on Jan. 23, 2001, as

Application Serial No. 09/767,922

and was amended on _____
(if applicable)

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose to the United States Patent Office all information which is known to me to be material to the patentability of this application in accordance with Title 37, Code of Federal Regulations. 1.56¹

I do not know and do not believe this invention was ever known or used in the United States of America before my or our invention thereof, or patented or described in any printed publication in any country before my or our invention thereof or more than one year prior to this application, that the same was not in public use or on sale in the United States of America more than one year prior to this application, and I believe that the invention has not been patented or made the subject of an inventor's certificate issued before the date of this application in any country foreign to the United States of America on an application filed by me or my legal representatives or assigns more than twelve months prior to this application, and that no application for patent or inventor's certificate on this invention has been filed in any country foreign to the United States of America prior to this application by me or my legal representatives or assigns, except as identified below:

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under Title 35, United States Code, §119 of any foreign application(s) for patent or inventor's certificate listed below:

Prior Foreign Application(s)

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Country

Date

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A prima facie case of unpatentability is established when the information in the prior art teaches all the limitations of the claim. In such a case, the burden of proof is on the applicant to show that the claim is patentable under the preponderance of evidence, burden of proof standard, giving each term in the claim its broadest reasonable interpretation.



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Prior Patent Applications
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